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63M-7-305 Drug-Related Offenses Reform Act -- Coordination.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Council" means the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council.
 - (b) "Drug-Related Offenses Reform Act" and "act" mean the screening, assessment, substance use disorder treatment, and supervision provided to convicted persons under Subsection 77-18-1.1(2) to:
 - (i) determine a person's specific substance use disorder treatment needs as early as possible in the judicial process;
 - (ii) expand treatment resources for persons in the community;
 - (iii) integrate a person's treatment with supervision by the Department of Corrections; and
 - (iv) reduce the incidence of substance use disorders and related criminal conduct.
 - (c) "Substance abuse authority" has the same meaning as in Section 17-43-201.
- (2) The council shall provide ongoing oversight of the implementation, functions, and evaluation of the Drug-Related Offenses Reform Act.
- (3) The council shall develop an implementation plan for the Drug-Related Offenses Reform Act. The plan shall:
 - (a) identify local substance abuse authority areas where the act will be implemented, in cooperation with the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, the Department of Corrections, and the local substance abuse authorities;
 - (b) include guidelines for local substance abuse authorities and the Utah Department of Corrections on how funds appropriated under the act should be used, including eligibility requirements for convicted persons who participate in services funded by the act, that are consistent with the recommendations of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice for reducing recidivism; and
 - (c) require that treatment plans under the act are appropriate for persons involved in the criminal justice system.

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